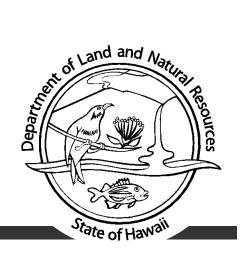
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RESCHEDULED: KUHIO BEACH MEDIA AVAILABILITY TOMORROW AT 12:30 P.M.

TOMORROW, February 17, <u>at 12:30 p.m.</u>, DLNR Chief Engineer Andy Monden will be available for interviews regarding the sand pumping evaluation currently underway at Kuhio Beach.

Media should meet at the Diamond Head side of Kuhio Beach, near the piles of sand that have been created as part of the evaluation.

The evaluation began on Thursday, February 10 and will continue through Thursday, February 24. During this time, the Diamond Head basin of Kuhio beach (between the Kapahulu Avenue storm drain and the groin fronting 'Ohua Avenue along Kalakaua Avenue) will be closed to public access.

During the test, upwards of 5,000 cubic yards of sand will be collected by a hydraulic dredge which will pump the material through an 8-inch pipeline to a discharge point in the Diamond Head basin.

Media will have the opportunity to photograph the sand pumping in-progress, along with accumulating sand and related equipment.

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